Professor Emeritus William J. Kay passed at the age of 96. He taught for 39 years until he retired in 1979. He was a professor of surveying, hydraulics, and materials during his time with the School of Civil Engineering, and he was a faculty advisor to Chi Epsilon. His students commonly referred to him as “Admiral” because of the time he spent in the Navy as an engineer and in the reserve. He got his start in the Navy as an engineer at the Navy Yard in the public works department in Portsmouth, N.H. From there he became a field engineer in dry-dock construction in Newport News, Va.; and an engineer at Wright-Patterson Field in Dayton, Ohio.

During World War II he served in the Navy Engineering Corps in the Public Works Division, working with the Sea Bees in construction at several Navy bases. He retired from the navy as a commander after 26 years of active and reserve duty. At Purdue he was involved with many student and campus organization as well as being a member of a local church and other community charities and organizations. He is survived by his wife, Wilma, his daughter, Laurie Kay Eckart, his 10 grandchildren, and his 16 great-grandchildren.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM KAY

2008: YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2008 school year was an eventful year for Chi Epsilon. In the spring Chi Epsilon along with CESAC and ASCE held a date auction at Boiler Market to raise money for Relay for Life. The date auction was a huge success. Along with participating in the date auction, members of Chi Epsilon participated in the actual relay which benefitted the American Cancer Society.

In March Mathew Kramer, Collen Naughton, and Brian Kime attended the 40th National Conclave in New York City. At the conclave the delegates considered making Chi Epsilon an international organization.

The annual faculty and staff breakfasts were held in February and October and as always they were a great success. It was a wonderful opportunity for students and faculty to get to know each other better and for pledges and officers to interact. The pledge retreats were also held in April and November at Happy Hollow Park in West Lafayette. We were fortunate to have a beautiful sunny day to cook hamburgers and hot dogs, throw the football and frisbee, and to learn more about each other.

During the fall semester Chi Epsilon held a graduate school information session for prospective graduate students. Dr. Rao S. Govindaraju discussed what graduate school consists of and how to apply. A student panel of current graduate students was also there to answer any questions and tell about their experience.

A new requirement for active membership was established in the fall, requiring that actives fulfill three hours of service. As part of this requirement Chi Epsilon held tutoring sessions on Wednesdays for students struggling with their class work.

Chi Epsilon held review sessions for the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam. Professors from different emphasis areas led reviews for their respective material.

Both the spring and fall semesters concluded with the initiation of pledges and the semi-annual banquets at the Purdue Memorial Union. We were pleased to have a great turnout to honor our newest members and award recipients.
Leonard and Margaret Wood Award

The Leonard and Margaret Wood Award is an honor given to a student(s) in Chi Epsilon that best exemplifies excellence in both academics and leadership activities. This award is made possible through the generosity of the Wood family. Candidates are nominated by both students and faculty members, and the recipient is selected by a panel consisting of the trustees, the faculty advisor, and the president. The winner is honored at the banquet and receives a monetary award. The recipient of the Leonard and Margaret Wood Award for Fall 2008 was Steve Lauer. The Spring 2008 recipient was Mathew Kramer. Congratulations to these students for their hard work, dedication, and leadership!
The Burke Awards

Each spring, the Purdue University Chapter of Chi Epsilon honors a member of the faculty with the Edmund M. Burke Outstanding Civil Engineering Professor Award. Professors are nominated by students based on the following criteria: willingness to counsel, freely giving of their time, participating in undergraduate activities and showing concern for students. We are proud to announce that Dr. Santiago Pujol was the recipient of this award for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Each semester, our chapter recognizes the graduating senior with the highest GPA with the Rosemary K. Burke Outstanding Student Award. The recipient of the Rosemary Burke Award for Spring 2008 was Josh Zvolanek, and the recipient for Fall 2008 was Taijiro Oki.

Thank you to the Burke family for your generosity, and congratulations award recipients!

Congratuations!
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Spring 2008: Josh Zvolanek

Fall 2008: Taijiro Oki

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